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Norman Glick, consultant for the Haskins and Sells management counseling firm, is shown above lecturing to a group of supervisory personnel who have been boning up on budgeting procedures at an evening class.

40 Employees At Barnes Promoted In Past Month

The promotion of 40 Barnes employees during the period from October 15 to November 15 has been announced by the personnel office.

Elevated from student nurse assistant to junior nurse assistant were: Freida Morris, Evelyn Henderson, Magnolia Mason, Lillie Mae Copeland, Floyd Vessell, Rose Lene Burton, Delores Merrill, Patriciann Hall, Eadie Culberson, Lovella Newbern, Larry Barrett, John Jiminez and Beatrice Johnson.

Other promotions include: Gloria Holden, William J. Gardner, Eugene Schooley, Anna Davis and JoAnn Keck to nurse assistant; Willie Lee Allen, Virginia Mays, Alice Jones and Rebecca Smith to senior nurse assistant; Brooksie Norfleer to floor technician; Joyce Muehlheausler and Irene Fleming to ward clerk.

Judith Zagrodnik has been promoted to head nurse; Marjorie Dueing, Phyllis Jo Martin, Virginia Goran and Celia Lionberger to assistant head nurse; Inez Winter to instructor; Gloria Young, Ethel Bethel and Shirley Washington to dietary lead girl.

Also promoted were Margaret Turner to cashier-checker; Mary Joyce Speiser to executive assistant; Mary Beth Rosso to secretary; Dorothy Proost to personnel health coordinator; Carol Olson to technician trainee, and Eleanor Ferguson to catering supervisor.

Concert to Feature Christmas Carols

The regular concert sponsored by the Barnes Hospital Auxiliary in Wohl Auditorium on December 17 at 7 p.m. will feature Christmas carols sung by the Metropolitan Singers under the direction of voice teacher Helen Graves.

Barnes TV Film Wins Top Award

"In Mortal Combat," the television film produced last year at Barnes Hospital, recently won a grand prize at the San Francisco International Film Festival.

It was one of 285 entries competing and was judged the best of those sponsored by industries and other commercial concerns. Laclede Gas Company, its sponsor, received extensive praise for its presentation.

Thousands saw and heard "In Mortal Combat" a year ago on KSD-TV and were impressed by its vivid, first-hand understanding of this drama of the daily application of modern medical science.

It was produced at Barnes Hospital and Washington University Medical Center which contribute much to the city's worldwide renown in the field of medicine. The documentary depicts not only the work of doctors, nurses and medical technicians, but also the experiences of patients and others who come to hospitals.

COMBINE OFFICES

The Credit and Insurance offices of Renard, Maternity and McMillan Hospitals have been combined with Barnes and now are located in the main lobby of Barnes Hospital. Two newcomers in the Barnes Credit office are Mrs. Janet Cady and Mrs. Marilyn McManis.

Budget Class For Supervisory Staff Held On Mondays

Some 70 members of the Barnes and allied hospital supervisory staff have been attending an after-hours class on budgeting procedures the last few weeks.

The classes, held in conjunction with the 1962-63 Budgets and conducted on Monday evenings by representatives of the Haskins and Sells Certified public accounting firm of Chicago, mark the first time that department heads below the rank of associate director have directly participated in preparing operating budgets.

A portion of the "home work" in the budgeting class has been study and preparation of 1963 operating budgets for their respective departments.

Lecturers in the class include Walter Hanshaw, principal of the Haskins and Sells firm, and Norman Glick and Paul J. Griffiths, consultants.



Mrs. Frances Bence, acting president of Barnes Hospital Auxiliary, is shown presenting a check for \$25 to Miss Jo Ann Wayne, senior nurse assistant, 6 Maternity Hospital, who won the award for her winning entry "A LA CARTE" in the contest to select a name for the new automatic vending service cafeteria. More than 500 persons submitted entries in the contest. Judges were Mrs. Bence, Miss Jane Clark, women's editor of the Globe-Democrat; Mr. George Myers, vice president of Spot Sales Company, and Mr. Spencer Allen, director of News at KMOX-TV.

Despite Fractured Face, Flier Cheers Fellow Patients

A University of California scientist-pilot, who miraculously escaped death in a New Mexico plane crash, has had some 50 facial fractures repaired in surgery performed at Barnes Hospital.

The scientist, Robert Spaulding, research group leader at the university's Los Alamos (N. M.) installation, was flown to Barnes in late August to take advantage of special plastic surgery techniques developed at Barnes and Washington University Medical School. Spaulding was rescued almost accidentally after he spent 72 grueling hours in the Sangre de Cristo mountain wilderness following the crash of his light plane about 40 miles from Los Alamos on Aug. 19. He also suffered fractures of his left heel and right ankle.

Dr. J. Barrett Brown and team found between 50 and 60 fractures in Spaulding's facial bones, which had become almost completely detached from his skull. Surgeons said Spaulding's injury, known as a transverse facial fracture, left a fracture pattern "as if a firecracker had exploded in his mouth." They performed an operation known as internal wire fixation, a technique developed at Barnes in the 1940's which has since been taught to Army, Navy and Air Force surgeons and to others from hospitals all over the world.

Roommates of Spaulding and hospital personnel on the floor commended him for his cheerful attitude throughout his unfortunate experience.

"Whenever I felt low, Bob had something to say that would bring me back up," one roommate commented.

"He has a wonderful philosophy and his will to live has paid off," Dr. Brown said. "People like that do better surgically."

Progress Reported On Renovation Jobs

Complete renovation of the seventh floor of Maternity Hospital, changing it from an obstetrics unit to gynecology, was started the middle of November.

The project will include installation of two new semi-private rooms in place of the nursery, new light fixtures, new bath facilities, dropped ceiling and new furniture, Engineer James Claywell said. It is expected to be ready by February 1.



Members of the Barnes Hospital Auxiliary are shown above at the October luncheon meeting, listening to an address by Mr. Adalbert Dierks, administrator of Le Bonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. He spoke of the outstanding work of a group of Memphis women who raised \$1,000,000 in 1952 to build Le Bonheur. Mrs. Robert Bence, acting president and chairman of the program and hospitality committees of the Barnes Auxiliary, presided at the luncheon.

SOCIAL SECURITY TAX UP

All wage earners are reminded that the Social Security tax rate goes up next year from 3½% to 3¾% on your earnings up to \$4,800 a year.

In addition to the tax each worker must pay, his employer must pay an equal amount. The money is credited to the old-age and survivors insurance trust fund and the disability insurance trust fund.

The present law provides for two additional increases, one in 1966 and the other bringing the maximum rate to 4¾%, in 1968.

At Dieticians Meeting

Three women who attended the fall meeting of the Missouri Dieticians Association in Kansas City were Miss Royce Baxter and Miss Erlinda Guzman, dietetic internes and Mrs. Helen Starch, educational director.

In other projects, Claywell said, five rooms on the eight floor of Rand-Johnson were renovated and turned over to the division this month and work continued in the remodeling of the second floor of Rand-Johnson, which will include installation of two new private rooms with connecting bath.

Change Night Meal Hours

Hours for night meal at Barnes Hospital Cafeteria have been changed, effective Nov. 26, it was announced by Donald J. Horsh, Associate Director. Old hours were 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; new hours are 9:45 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

2 Barnes Doctors Win National Award

Dr. Justin C. Cordonnier, associate surgeon on the Barnes Hospital staff, and Dr. Eugene M. Bricker, assistant surgeon, have won an award from the American Academy of Arts and Science for their work in the treatment of diseases affecting the genito-urinary system.

The doctors were recognized for "the suggestion, careful development, application and evaluation" of a method of urinary diversion by ureteral transplantation to segment of ileum, or small intestine. The operation is used when removal of a diseased bladder becomes necessary.

Dr. Cordonnier is professor of urology and Dr. Bricker is associate professor of clinical surgery on the Washington University School of Medicine faculty. The awards were made at a banquet Nov. 15 in Boston.

Christmas Pageant Scheduled Dec. 19 By Nurses Choir

The fourth annual Christmas Pageant featuring the 160-voice choir of the Barnes Hosuital School of Nursing will be held this year on Wednesday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Barnes lobby.

The pageant is highlighted by a narration of the Nativity written by Associate Director Joseph Greco. Following the 45-minute program, choir members from small groups and move throughout the Barnes group singing Christmas carols.

Director of the singers is Kenneth Schuller, dean of the St. Louis Institute of Music. Coordinator of the program is Miss Doris Elliott, social director of the nursing school.

CREDIT OFFICE BRIEFS

Congratulations to Miss Dorothy L. Massander on celebration of her birthday Nov. 14. . . . Sympathy to the family of Mr. John Keppel, Jr., credit manager, in the recent loss of his brother-in-law. . . . Barnes Credit office welcomes two newcomers: Mrs. Janet Cady and Mrs. Marilyn McManis.

Chaplain's Corner

By George A. Bowles

The month of November is a sound reminder of a small act which grew into a national institution in our American calendar of events. A few people felt that it was important to stop in the midst of discouragements and give thanks for the blessings that they did know about. In the midst of pestilence, disease, failures of many kinds, they were big enough to give thanks for the inner values that are not often shaped out of proportion by temporary conditions and passing circumstances.

When we review this rich heritage which brought the institution of Thanksgiving into existence, surely we are compelled to ask ourselves how big we are in the midst of our circumstances. The answer we have to give, at least at times, is not too encouraging. We have been known to fall short of having the spirit of optimism that our background has taught to some along the way. It would be a waste of words to say much about the fact that all is not well just now in the field of world affairs, for most people have some idea that such a truth is real.

Since last November some items of discouraging news have drifted across the path of human events, but we need to remember that we are the descendants of a long line of forefathers who were not easily discouraged; we have to take heart and push ahead with confidence. They could do it and even be thankful. We would never want it to be said of us that we have lost the spirit of belief and Americanism that they have left for us.

Know Your Hospital

Medical Records Department Serves As "The Faithful Memory" of Hospital Group

Of the many behind-the-scenes services necessary to operate an approved hospital, such as the Barnes group, few are as useful to such a wide area of teaching, research and patient care as the Medical Records Library.

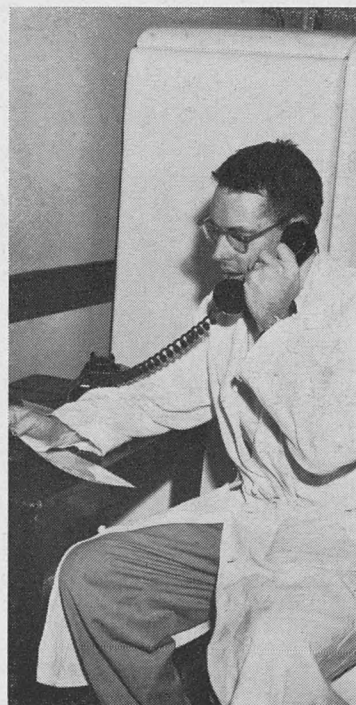
"The medical record is the doctor's and the hospital's faithful memory of the patient," says Miss Cecelia Kiel who is head of the department at Barnes, "and the record is also the measure of the quality of medical care."

The work of a medical record librarian is greatly rewarding because "you know that it is an integral part of the teamwork that goes into healing the sick and contributing to their welfare after hospitalization."

The uses of and needs for keeping accurate and readily available medical records are myriad. They are of vital importance to doctors in treatment of patients who are readmitted to the Barnes group; they are of immeasurable value as a source of basic information necessary to medical research, and an absolute requirement of the medical committees which oversee the quality of medical care provided by the hospital.

In addition, Medical Records has a considerable impact on the community as a whole by providing authorized information for social agencies, government units, insurance adjusters, attorneys, other doctors and hospitals. The department is often called upon to produce records in court or at legal depositions.

There are many processes involved in keeping complete and accurate records of a patient's



hospitalization or clinic care. Principal objectives are to secure and maintain complete and accurate records which meet national standards, index and cross-index them under the patient's name, doctor's name, type of ailment and of operation, if any, and to tabulate certain basic statistics for administrative use.

Each day there is a parade of doctors and inquirers authorized by former patients who come to Medical Records for information contained in the medical records, besides the host of mail inquiries which must be answered

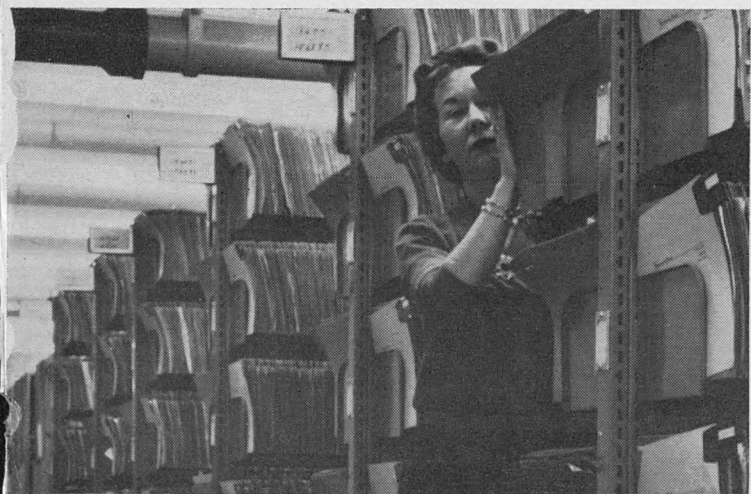
promptly. In the clinic section of the department some 500 charts are removed and distributed to the various clinics every day for use of doctors seeing outpatients by appointment.

Another major function of Medical Records is the typists' pool whose members transcribe dictated discharge summaries and operation reports. There are 11 direct-line telephones located about the complex which doctors use to dictate directly to recorders in Medical Records.

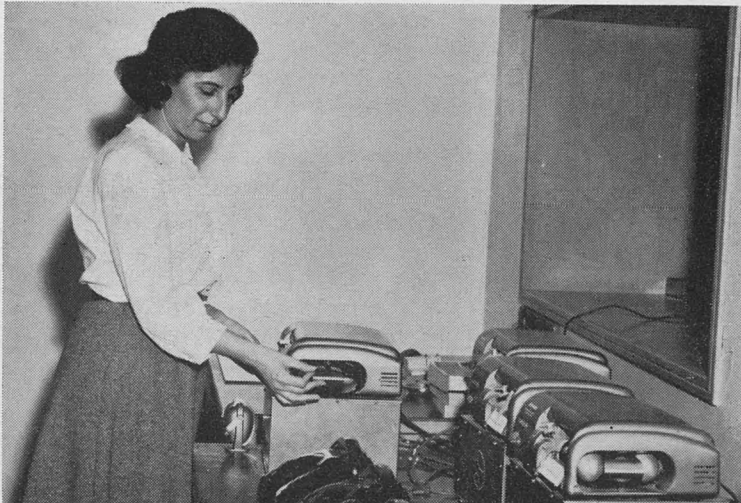
The 50 persons working in Medical Records do their jobs in four locations. Miss Kiel's office, the recording and transcription equipment, and files of records more than 10 years old are on the first floor of Barnard Hospital. The clinic section has its own busy area on 5A of the new Clinics Building. The principal file room is on the first floor of Barnes, and there are other storage locations in the Barnard Building.

Although keeping of medical records is necessary for approval of any institution by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, voluminous records indexed under the standard nomenclature and coding system perfected by the American Medical Association are especially important to a teaching and research hospital such as Barnes.

Many patients come back to Barnes time after time; this fact is a measure of the quality of patient care provided as well as of the national stature of the Barnes group and the Washington University School of Medicine. The re-admission rate is a truly extraordinary 44%.



Miss Norma Cotham, receptionist in Medical Records' clinic office, is shown lower left filing away an outpatient's record. In photo at lower right, Miss Jacqueline Tourikian, clerk-typist, is changing a belt in dictaphone machine



from which summaries dictated by doctors are transcribed. Above, Dr. Loy Cramer, chief resident in orthopedics, is shown dictating a report on a direct line from 2100.



Late October graduates of the eight-week In-Service Training Program for Nurse Assistants are pictured above. First row, from left, are Doretha Harris, Edith Pruett, Essie Becton, Cecelia Awls, Patriciaann Hall, Dorothy Heard; second row, Allenia Jefferies, Magnolia Mason, Delores Merrill, Louella Newbern, Brenda Allen, Bernita Rhymes, Alma Hoskin; third row, Chone Morris, Rosa Carr, Dorothy Miller, Rosa Lene Burton, Desiree Cheatom, Frieda Morris.

November Anniversaries Marked By Employees Long Time on Job

Chief Pharmacist Florence Mueller completed 25 years continuous employment at Barnes Hospital this month. Mrs. Mueller, who is responsible for the direction of 45 employees in the main Barnes pharmacy and in the Washington University clinics, started with Barnes in November, 1937, and was made chief pharmacist in 1945. One of her two children, Janolyn Mueller, is in the occupational therapy department of the Irene Johnson Rehabilitation Center.

"After all this time I still find my job interesting and stimulating," Mrs. Mueller said.

Completing 20 years at Barnes this month are Clyde Turnbaugh, general maintenance foreman; Lorial Penn, shaker machine operator in the laundry; James Watley, assistant wash man in the laundry, and Katie Nicholson of the house-keeping department.

At the 15-year mark are Clarissa Walker of Nursing; Julius Chanitz of maintenance; Carrie Spinks of the laundry, and Webster Limbaugh, security.

Rounding out 10 years are Patricia Reilly of purchasing; Marjorie Tittsworth, nursing, and Wilma Mae Houston, laboratory.

Those with five years on the job are Josephine Mundwiller, administration; Ruth Ann Holmes, nursing; Edward

Thompson, nursing; Mary O'Halloran, nursing; Julia Ann Trout, laboratory; Gwendolyn McGrew, laboratory; Audrey Cooper, nursing; Willie Hall, nursing, and Katy Edwards, dietary.

Continue To Merge Offices and Services

More relocation and consolidation of services and offices was accomplished this month in line with Administration's continuing efforts to streamline operational procedures.

As a means of improving and extending service, all therapeutic dietitians are now located in a central Patient Food Service office on the first floor of the Wohl Hospital building. Floor offices of therapeutic dietitians at various locations in the complex are now discontinued. The separate credit and insurance offices were moved from Maternity and McMillan hospitals to a central office off the main lobby of Barnes.

The clinic and dietary storerooms are now consolidated with the central storeroom located in the basement of Barnes. And, plans are being made to merge four separate sewing rooms, where cloth supplies are made and repaired, into one unit in Barnes.

New Name Plates For All Employees

New identification plates of higher quality are being made for all employees in the Barnes Hospital group to replace those now in use.

Raymond Grossman, assistant director, announced that a new engraving machine has been purchased which will first be used to make new name tags with black printing on white background. The machine will be used later to make door signs throughout the group.

Efforts will be made to make new identification tags for employees and distribute them by the end of the year.

Ex-Patient Letters Laud Care, Service At Barnes Hospital

An Ohio woman: "My stay at McMillan Hospital was made comfortable by your excellent staff on the seventh floor. I would like to commend nurses Hunter, Wilson and Johnson... and occupational therapist, Mrs. Barr."

A Sikeston, Missouri, man: "I want to commend you and your staff for a very efficient operation in all departments. I want to especially express thanks to the doctors, nurses and all employees of the fifth floor (Wohl) for their excellent care and attention."

An Illinois jurist: "A salute to those who made this a memorable week: the nurses and personnel who so cheerfully looked after my comfort; the members of the dietary staff who went beyond the call of duty in meeting my eating peculiarities; and those of the front office who extended the courtesies of the hospital."

NURSING SERVICE NEWS

Members of a bowling team in the Dougout League which has held first place since the season's opening are Miss Marian Hoffner, head nurse of 2418, Miss Goldie Durrer, instructor in Barnes School of Nursing, and Miss Elizabeth Berryin instructor in the in-service training program. . . . Miss Martha Kaltwasser, nursing office secretary, enjoyed a vacation in Florida, the Keys and Bahamas, and another visitor to Florida in the fall was Miss Mildred Brocksmith, supervisor, recovery room, Barnes. . . . Miss V. Harlick, assistant director of nursing in Maternity and Miss Manion, head nurse in clinic emergency room returned from vacations Nov. 12.

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